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GREGARIOUS FLOWERING OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States particularly those in North East are affected by gregarious flowering of bamboos;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon;

(c) whether area under bamboo crop has been declining;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) the quantity of bamboo harvested during the last three years alongwith the consumption by different bamboo based industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir.The gregarious flowering of bamboos is being experienced in the North Eastern States.The State-wise area affected by bamboo flowering is annexed.

The Ministry of Environment & Forests have launched a scheme on Management of Prospective Gregarious Flowering of Bamboo in the North Eastern States with an allocation of Rs. 85 crores to manage the problem of bamboo flowering.

(c)&(d): No scientific information is available on the decline of bamboo crop in the country.However, the gregarious flowering of bamboo which is occurring in some parts of the North Eastern States (once in 30-40 years) results in death of all bamboo culms after profuse seeding.

(e): The National Bamboo Mission is a new programme of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation which has been launched during the last quarter of 2006-07.One of the mandates of this Mission is to collect and compile the information on State-wise production of bamboo in the country.

However, it is estimated that 10,00,000 tons of bamboo is used in the paper and pulp industry whereas 1,90,000 tons of bamboo is utilized in non-paper industry.